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1. ARTICLE IN NY TIMES TITLED "EXILES KEEPING STRIFE IN
BURUNDI ALIVE" BY CHARLES MOHR DATELINED NAIROBI GIVES
GOOD SUMMARY OF PRESENT SITUATION IN BURUNDI AND RWANDA.
ARTICLE OUTLINES HISTORICAL EVENTS IN BOTH COUNTRIES
SHOWING SIMILIARITIES AND CONTRASTS, AND THEN GIVES
DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT SITUATION EMPHASIZING ROLE BEING
PLAYED BY EXILES--MAINLY HUTU STUDENTS FROM BURUNDI.

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2. IN CITING REPORTS OF CONTINUING REPRISALS AGAINST HUTU IN BURUNDI BY THE ARMY AND JRR YOUTH GROUP, THE ARTICLE QUOTES REFUGEES AS SAYING THAT THE ARMY AND JRR COME QUIETLY IN THE NIGHT TO KILL HUTU SO THAT FOREIGNERS AND DIPLOMATS WILL NOT KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING.

3. IN DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM IN BURUNDI, THE ARTICLE QUOTES THE EX-RWANDAN FOREIGN MINISTER MUNYANEZA AS SAYING "THE TUTSI IN BURUNDI ARE PRISONERS OF THEIR OWN FEAR AND HATRED. THEY ARE AFRAID THAT IF THEY STOP THE KILLING AND GIVE DEMOCRACY TO THE MASSES, THE MASSES WILL TURN ON THEM." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES "A LONG-RANGE SOLUTION OF THE TRAGIC ETHNIC TENSIONS IN BURUNDI IS NOT EASY TO ENVISAGE, BUT ONE ELEMENT IN A SHORT RANGE IMPROVEMENT WOULD BE ACTION TO EASE TUTSIS' FEARS OF BEING OVERWHELMED BY THE HUTU MAJORITY."

4. IN DISCUSSING THE ROLE OF THE HUTU STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF BURUNDI AND THEIR ROLE IN THE ETHNIC PROBLEM, THE ARTICLE MAKES THE FOLLOWING POINTS: "THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THAT A MAJOR FACTOR IN THE TRAGEDY IS THE PASSIONATELY MILITANT HUTU STUDENTS IN EXILE, WHO SEEM WHOLLY COMMITTED TO OVERTHROWING PRESIDENT MICOMBERO, A TUTSI. THEIR EFFORTS ARE DEPLORED BY SOME, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF HUTU LEADERS IN NEIGHBORING HUTU-GOVERNED RWANDA, ON THE GROUND THAT THE ILL-PREPARED REVOLTS AND RAIDS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO WHAT ONE PERSON CALLED 'PSYCHOTIC FEAR AND HATRED' AMONG THE TUTSIS AND HAVE BROUGHT HARSH REPRISALS ON HUTU PEASANTS. IMPOSING SOME DEGREE OF RESTRAINT ON THE HUTU STUDENT LEADERS HAS BECOME A MAJOR GOAL OF OFFICIALS OF RWANDA AND OF ZAIRE, WHICH BORDERS BOTH COUNTRIES TO THE WEST AND OF TANZANIA TO THE EAST." THE ARTICLE LATER CONTINUES WITH THIS THEME WITH COMMENTS FROM A WELL-INFORMED NON-AFRICAN: "THE WORST HOTHEADS ARE THE HUTU STUDENTS WHO WERE IN BELGIUM OR ELSEWHERE IN EUROPE AND HAVE COME TO THE REFUGEE CAMPS TO STIR UP ACTION. THEY BULLY AND INTIMIDATE THE ORDINARY REFUGEES WHO DO NOT WANT TO PARTICIPATE." THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, DISCUSSING THE MAY RAIDS AND ENDS WITH THE FOLLOWING: "THE RWANDAN GOVT HAS APPROVED PLANS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MOVE THE REFUGEE CAMP TO THE NORTHEAST AND TO OPEN LAND FOR SETTLEMENT. THE STUDENTS AND OTHER MILITANTS AMONG THE REFUGEES HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN SPREADING STORIES THAT THE NEW SITE IS INFECTED WITH CHOLERA AND EVEN BUBONIC PLAGUE. OF AN INITIAL GROUP OF 231 REFUGEES TAKEN TO THE NORTHERN CAMP, ONLY 11 WERE STILL THERE A FEW DAYS LATER. 'THE FACT IS THAT THE YOUTH LEADERS WON'T LET PEOPLE FARM' A SOURCE IN RWANDA SAID. ONLY 14 RE-

FUGEES HAVE BEGUN TO CLEAR THE SMALL PLOTS OFFERED TO THE
REFUGEES BY RWANDA." RUSH

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